The recommendation received from the Government of Maharashtra regarding the list of Scheduled Tribes cannot be disclosed in the public interest. The same along with similar other proposals is being considered in the context of the proposed comprehensive revision of the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Further, amendment in the existing list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes can be done only through an Act of Parliament in view of Articles 341(2) and 342(2) of the Constitution.

Expenditure on SYL Canal

2866. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have decided to underwrite the entire expenditure on the Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal;

(b) what is the progress so far made in the construction of the Canal;

(c) whether the Central Government has taken over or they propose to take over the construction of the Canal;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the entire expenditure on the construction of the Canal is likely to be met by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 80.4 per cent of the earthwork and 24 per cent of the lining work has been completed up to the end of February, 1987 and the works are in progress. Work on all the 11 major and 41 medium cross-drainage works is in progress. Of the 15 national highway and state road bridges, work is in progress on 14 bridges, and of the 55 villages road bridges work is in progress on 53 of them. The work on remaining structures would also be taken up shortly.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The progress on the Project is being regularly monitored by the Ministry of Water Resources and several measures have been suggested to the Punjab Government for expediting the work on the Canal. According to present schedule prepared by the Government of Punjab the Project is to be completed by March, 1988 by which time the entire expenditure is likely to be met by the Central Government.

Guidelines for Prevention of Unauthorised Constructions in Delhi

2867. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down any guidelines for prevention and checking of unauthorised constructions and encroachments on public premises in Delhi at a meeting convened by Home Minister on 18th June, 1985;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to implement these guidelines through change in laws to implement the recommendation thereof, if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representations have been received about inaction of local authorities to remove the encroachments on public premises, constructions of boundary walls, and fences in DDA Colonies and other public areas;

(d) if so, the number of complaints received by the Delhi Administration during the last three years in this regard year-wise figures: and

(e) what are the details of the cases where action has not been taken together with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not considered necessary to incorporate the guidelines laid down in the Home Minister's meeting into the Statute Book as the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, the Delhi Development Act, 1957, the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911 (as applicable to New Delhi Municipal Committee area) and the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 have already been amended in 1984 to make suitable provisions for dealing with unauthorised construction/ encroachments. The guidelines have been communicated to all concerned for implementation.

(c) to (e) The Delhi Administration has reported that no specific case of inaction on the part of local authorities has come to their notice. The local authorities have been taking action from time to time for removal of encroachments etc.

Development of cities in Assam

2868. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that towns of Assam like Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Nowgong, Silchar are not getting due share of Central assistance for development as compared to other towns and cities of India; and

(b) if so, what steps Government contemplate to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Urban Development is a State subject and the State Governments formulate and implement appropriate projects out of their Annual Plan provisions in accordance with their needs and priorities. Beside, Central assistance is provided under the Centrally sponsored Schemes of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) and Urban Basic Services (UBS). The towns selected for inclusion under the IDMST Scheme are Tinsukhia, Silchar, Tejpur, Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Dipu and Karimganj. A total amount of Rs. 217.50 lakhs has been released for these towns. The towns selected for inclusion in the UBS scheme are—Guwahati and Nalhari. An amount of Rs. 90,000 has been released for these towns.

Sales Depot of Steel Authority of India at Silchar, Assam

2869. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a SAIL sales depot at Silchar, Assam;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to bring to book those dishonest steel traders of Assam who are selling sub-standard steel to the customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has not received any complaints in this regard.

Jipai Mukh Project

2870. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will tht Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are or were the reasons for not taking action to implement the Jipai Mukh (Barak Dam) Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that attempts are afoot to shelve the project; and